

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	J. J. Rudnick, Dominik M. Wiktor
Application No.:	09/977823
Filed:	October 15, 2001
For:	Nested Stent
Examiner:	Ann M. Schillinger
Group Art Unit:	3774

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2N-14438-US04

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **November 24, 2009**.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: